

Appl. No. : 09/698,507
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

Applicant respectfully submits, in furtherance of the comments made above with respect to the Examiner interview, that the cited prior art fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation from each of the above-listed claims. In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the usage of a private key server as is claimed. In the last response, Applicant explained how Ramasubramani fails to teach or suggest at least this limitation. *See* Response, pp. 16-17. Furthermore, in the interview, the Examiner acknowledged that this limitation was also missing from Faciglia.

Since the cited prior art fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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